

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

The regular meeting of the California Academy of Medicine was held on Monday evening, November 27, 1911, in the library of the San Francisco County Medical Society. The following scientific program was presented:

1. A Report of a Case of Raynaud's Disease. W. W. Kerr. Discussed by Drs. Schmitt, Eloesser, Terry, Twitchell, McClenahan, Kerr.
2. Multiple Papillomata of the Larynx; a Report of Two Cases. E. C. Sewall. Discussed by Drs. Sherman and Sewall.
3. Demonstration of a Specimen of Salivary Calculus. J. G. Morrissey. Discussed by Dr. Sherman.

Dr. W. F. Snow and Dr. E. C. Fleischner were elected to membership.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

COOPER COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.

The Cooper College Science Club held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, December 4, 1911. The scientific program was as follows:

1. Demonstration of Cases of Naevi treated by Carbon Dioxid Snow. Dr. G. H. Mize. Discussed by Drs. Eaves, Stillman, Haas, Mize.
2. Demonstration of Medical Cases. Dr. W. F. Shaller. Discussed by Drs. McClenahan and Shaller.
3. Case of Hookworm Infection apparently acquired in San Francisco. Dr. W. C. Alvarez.

The following recommendations made by the Board of Directors were adopted:

1. That the Cooper College Science Club requests the Medical Department of Stanford University for the same privileges that it has enjoyed from Cooper Medical College.
2. That the name of the Cooper College Science Club be changed to "The Cooper Clinical Society."
3. That the form of government and qualifications for membership remain as heretofore.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

UNJUSTIFIABLE CRUELTY.

In December, a Dr. Johnson, connected with the Pacific Wassermann Laboratories, was arrested by Humane Officer Hennesy for cruelty to an animal, to wit: cutting off a goat's ear in order to secure blood for laboratory work. The case was heard before Police Judge Shortall, and at the first hearing several doctors were present, among them Dr. Hunsaker and Dr. V. C. Thomas, and some of these gentlemen stated that anesthetics were never administered to animals at any college or hospital in the country. At the second hearing, a certificate was presented from Dr. A. W. Lee, of the University of California, showing that ether is always used prior to withdrawing blood from the jugular vein of a sheep, and for all similar work. Dr. Dudley Tait testified to the general use of anesthetics for such work, the effort of the A. M. A. to promulgate all humane treatment of animals in experimental work, and stated that, in his opinion, "nothing will more retard the progress of medicine and its benefits to humanity than the introduction of cruel methods in animal work." The Judge stated he had consulted a distinguished surgeon who expressed the opinion that Wassermann tests were invaluable, but that it would be more cruel to give an animal an anesthetic than merely to cut off its ear! This is certainly a most curious opinion. The Judge complimented Officer Hennesy upon his diligence, but dismissed the case, stating that from the conflicting testimony he could not tell whether there had been any cruelty or not. It is just these rare cases, where some one without due regard to the important nature and consequences of the work he is doing, is cruel to animals, that furnish the am-

munition for the antivivisectionists. As Dr. Tait justly says, we should be more particular to avoid even the semblance of cruelty in animal work than in human surgery.

A San Francisco paper, under date of Dec. 9th, 1911, printed the following:

"Court Gets Goat's Goat."

"Five physicians and one scientist appeared before Police Judge Shortall yesterday morning to testify whether or not it is cruelty to animals to clip a goat's ear to get blood for experimental purposes.

"Dr. Dudley Tait of St. Francis hospital stood out alone against the others and insisted that an anesthetic ought to be used on the goat. Other physicians insisted that the anesthetic spoiled the experiment. The other physicians were: Dr. Walter Coffee of the Southern Pacific hospital, Dr. Charles Clark, Dr. H. W. Hunsaker, Dr. Verin Thomas. Incidentally Dr. Tait told the court that every hospital in the city was trying to get hold of goats for experimental purposes.

"Edward Johnson, bacteriologist and chemist for the United States government, was on trial for cruelty to animals for clipping the ears of a goat. The court dismissed the case."

DIAGNOSTIC TABLE.

After Hoag's "Health Index of Children."

The "Sage Foundation" has had printed 5000 copies of this table.

Teachers should be on the watch for the following symptom groups. The disorders which give rise to them make for mechanical inefficiencies and call for medical attention:

Disorders of Nose, Throat and Ear.

Mouth-breathing, prominent upper teeth, loud breathing, nasal voice, catarrh, running nose, frequent colds, sore throat, offensive breath, cough, blank expression, slow mentality, deafness, poor physical development, earache, discharge, inattention, poor spelling, watching of lips, slow progress, headache.

Eye Disorders and Defects.

Sore eyes of any kind, styes, congested eyes, crossed eye, squinting, headache, peculiar postures when reading, holding book too near face, poor spelling or reading, dizziness.

Teeth Defects.

Decay of teeth, discoloration, crooked teeth, prominent teeth, offensive breath, poor articulation, broken teeth, mal-nutrition.

Contagious Diseases.

Pallor, flushed face, eruptions, scratching, sleepiness, lassitude, vomiting, headache, cough, running nose, congested eyes.

Nervous Disorders.

Inability to hold object well, spasmodic movements, twitching of eyes, face or any part of the body, irritability, fits, bad temper, fainting, nail biting, undue emotion of any sort, frequent requests to "go out," timidity, stammering, cruelty, perverted tastes, moroseness, solitary habits, undue embarrassment, undue activity, misbehavior, sex perversions.

Nutritional and General Disturbances.

Pallor, emaciation, enlarged glands in neck, puffiness of face or eyes, shortness of breath, lassitude, perverted tastes (e. g. foods), slow mentality, peculiar or faulty postures, under development, excessive fat, vicious personal habits, low endurance power, irritability, disinclination to play, fatigue.

Defects of the Feet.

Walking "pigeon toed," a shuffling, inelastic walk, toeing markedly out, advancing foot by exaggerated knee action, long axes of foot and leg meet at unusually wide angles, shifting from foot to foot, standing on outer edge of feet, locking knees, leaning against wall or desk, shoes run over at either side, front of heel worn down, outer and back part of heel worn down, wearing out of soles asymmetrically, congestion of the feet, swelling, puffiness, excessive perspiration, callouses, twitching of the foot muscles.